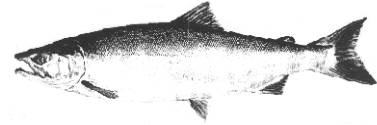


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**2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 1
Yukon Area Regulatory Change
Districts Affected: Yukon River Area**

Proposal 385 was considered when the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) met to review statewide regulatory fisheries proposals in Anchorage from March 20 to March 24. This proposal sought to allow commercial fishing for summer chum salmon during times of king salmon conservation using fish wheels only, with the requirement that fishermen must use a live box or chute to release Chinook salmon. The proposal was amended to require that the fish wheel be attended at all times while in operation and that all Chinook salmon caught must be returned to the water alive immediately, with no method of release specified. The amended language passed unanimously. This regulatory change implemented by the BOF will become effective for the 2012 fishing season.

Any questions regarding this regulatory change can be directed to either Steve Hayes (907) 267-2383 in Anchorage or Jeff Estensen (907) 459-7217 in Fairbanks.

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